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¶ A—Promote and encourage loyalty to the United States of America, allegiance to its Constitution and Traditions, obedience to the Laws of the land, including the Laws of the several States of the Union, and the ordinances of all legally constituted subdivisions thereof; ¶ B—Instruct its members in the tenets and principles of democracy, in the methods and operation of political life in the United States, and inspire the entire membership with a genuine reverence for the Majesty of the Law; ¶ C—Instill in every one of its members a sincere love for the United States, its History and Traditions, a due appreciation of the privilege of citizenship, and the sacred duties attendant therewith; ¶ D—Encourage its members to always be profoundly interested, and actively participating in the political, civil, social and commercial life of the United States, and to strive always for its betterment; ¶ E—To promote throughout the world, and especially in the United States of America, a better and more comprehensive understanding of the Hellenic peoples and nation; and to revive, cultivate, enrich, and marshal into active service for humanity the noblest attributes and highest ideals of true Hellenism.

—From the Preamble of the Constitution of the Order of Ahepa

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THESE few words of thanks are extended primarily to all those firms, individuals, organizations, and associations, who by their advertisements, cooperation and assistance have made the successful publication of this book possible.

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Λυπούμεθα ὅμως μὴ δυνάμενοι νὰ ἔλθωμεν, διότι ἐλάβομεν πρὸ καιροῦ πρόσκλησιν καὶ ἐνανονίσαμεν νὰ εὑρισκώμεθα κατὰ τὴν ἰδίαν Κυριακὴν εἰς τὴν Κοινότητα ATLANTA, GA. Ἐὰν κατορθώσωμεν νὰ ἀναβάλωμεν τὴν ἐκεῖ μετάβασιν, θὰ ἔλθωμεν εὐχαρίστως καὶ θέλομεν περὶ τούτου εἰδοποιήσει ἡμᾶς ἐγκαίρως.

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THE GOVERNOR

May 3, 1940

Permit me to take this means of extending greetings and a cordial welcome to members and out-of-state delegates who will assemble at the Ninth Annual District Convention of the American-Hellenic-Educational-Progressive-Association at Allentown, in June this year.

The famed hospitality of Pennsylvania, which was born in pre-Colonial times, and which has grown increasingly throughout the years, awaits you.

Our latch string is out to all of you and in the old Colonial manner we bid those of you who are our visitors to tarry awhile with us to enjoy our natural wonders, historical treasure trove and our famous cooking.

May your convention be richly productive of vital results in behalf of those things for which our Republic stands, and for which you and your associates will deserve and receive the commendation and gratitude of your fellow Pennsylvanians and fellow Americans.

Arthur H James

HON. GEORGE F. ERICH
Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pa.

Mr. C. P. Thomas
Secretary, Executive Committee
District Convention No. 4
Order of Ahepa
516 North Nineteenth Street
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May 27, 1940

My Dear Mr. Thomas:

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to extend to you on behalf of the Citizens of the City of Allentown, hearty greetings and a most cordial welcome to our City.

We feel honored that you have chosen this City for the holding of your Ninth Annual Convention, and you may rest assured that every possible hospitality will be extended in order to make your visit here most pleasant and comfortable.

With best wishes for a successful and interesting convention, I am

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. ERICH, MAYOR

V. I. CHEBITHES
Supreme President Order of Ahepa

Take the Chance or Take the Count

By V. I. CHEBITHES

No one ever won a fight lying flat on the canvas to avoid the blows of his adversary. No one ever learned to swim by dabbling continuously in shallow water. The measure of the greatness to which any person, Order or Nation may claim is based on the magnitude and quality of its accomplishments. Few, very few, "are born great," or "have greatness thrust upon them." Greatness is achieved only in the undertaking and accomplishment of great tasks. Greatness is never attained by accident nor by avoiding the hard pulls.

Chance makes the opportunity for those who take the one and tackle the other. A nibble of courage will choke down tons of panic. So, one must either take heart and choose a task of sufficient importance and magnitude to strain his mental, moral and material strength to the extremity of their possibilities, or gulp down a morsel of fear and shrink to familiar and comfortable littleness.

The AHEPA—the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association—is, above all, progressive; progressive in thought, purpose and action. The spirit of Ahepa leads and beckons the brave of heart to follow it beyond the shallows, beyond the breakers, beyond the line of safety; out into the open sea of truly great achievements; out where there are no guideposts, no arrows pointing to this or that beaten path, no trails at all—nothing but the ghosts of undiscovered opportunities wailing for bodies.

Out there in the great open fields, unhampered by conventions and blind adherence to superannuated rules, precedents and traditions, we can be free to brave the dangers and dare the handicaps of new adventures. There we, like other intrepid pioneers of inflexible courage and enduring hardihood, can search for new and untried ways to usefulness; there we, too, can become pathfinders instead of pathfollowers; there, grappling with great aims and wrestling with mighty impediments, we can develop our powers to their fullest possible vigor; there we, too, in moments of extremity and grave peril, can perform "miracles."

Progressive individuals are not found plodding along the beaten paths, casting only an occasional glance on the alluring trail which leads beyond the familiar sphere of common routine. They march into the realm of newer and greater possibilities and risk their all on a really important venture. It is only through the accomplishment of useful undertakings against fearful odds that the highest sphere of human emotion can be penetrated, that the highest ideals of a people can be quickened, that the flame of sacrifice and patriotic endeavor can be intensified to such a heat as will ignite the soul-spark which welds humans of "common clay" to the immortals.

LOUIS P. MANIATIS
Supreme Secretary Order of Ahepa

"The crest and crowning of all good
Life's final star is brotherhood."
—MARKHAM

The above quotation conveys the importance of Brotherhood better than I am able to outline and all I can do is to point out that under this bond of ours, The Order of Ahepa, we are rendering our bit towards the perpetuation of that principle.

During your District Convention let every act be guided by this thought so that real accomplishments may result from that conclave.

May your District continue advancing this thought with a more determined outlook for the future. By doing so you can reach a greater strength of membership and secure a firmer bond of Brotherhood.

LOUIS P. MANIATIS, *Supreme Secretary*

ARTHUR A. KARKALAS
Ahepa Governor, District No. 4

The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association Declaration of Principles

By ARTHUR A. KARKALAS, *District Governor*

The AHEPA is an organization composed of citizens of Hellenic ancestry or Phil-Hellenes in the United States. Further it is a *charitable*, *benevolent*, *educational* and *religious* society. Its principles should be proclaimed as widely as men will hear. Its only secrets are in its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction as exemplified in its ritualistic ceremonies.

It is *charitable* in that it is not organized for profit and none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual but all is devoted to the promotion of the general welfare and happiness of the people.

It is *benevolent* in that it teaches by precept and example that altruism is a duty.

It is *educational* in a two-fold manner. By its prescribed ceremonials it teaches a system of morality and brotherhood based upon the Sacred Law. The strict observance of parliamentary proceedings, in its stated meetings, conferences and conventions, together with the program of regularly planned and conducted lectures, open forums, debates and other similar activities, teach the member to be a constructive citizen, a better merchant, a useful man.

It is *religious* in that it teaches monotheism. The Holy Bible is open upon its altars whenever a Lodge is in session, and reverence for God is ever-present in its ceremonial. The AHEPA members are constantly addressed in lessons of morality. Yet it is neither sectarian nor theological.

The AHEPA is a *social* organization only so far as it furnishes under the proper environment, additional inducement that its members and friends may gather in numbers, and thereby provide more material for its primary work of education, charity and fraternal understanding.

Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, the AHEPA seeks to improve the community. Thus it impresses upon its members the principles of personal righteousness and responsibility, enlightens them as to those things which make for human welfare, and inspires them with that feeling of good will, toward everyone, which will urge them to *translate principle and belief into action.*

The AHEPA is an *American* institution, pledged to support American laws, traditions and institutions and has, since its inception devoted itself honestly, discreetly and unselfishly to the real interests of the Hellenic people in this country, elevating their prestige socially and commercially, thus impressing the Americans with their worth as citizens. It has gained the confidence of the public and recognition by the government by speaking the language of and breathing of the atmosphere of the land where it was founded.

And towards that end, it teaches and stands for the worship of the Creator of the Universe; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy, enlightenment and orderly liberty,—civil, religious, and intellectual. It charges each of its members to be true and loyal to the government and to be obedient to the laws of any state or city in which he may be.

Believing the above things, we the District Lodge Officers affirm our continued adherence to that established and accepted rule of the Fraternity which forbids the discussion in Ahepa meetings, of creeds, politics or other topics likely to excite personal animosities.

We further affirm our conviction that it is not only contrary to the fundamental principles of the AHEPA, but dangerous to its unity, strength, usefulness and welfare, for any chapter to take action or attempt to exercise pressure or influence for or against any legislation, or in any way to attempt to procure the election or appointment of governmental officials, or to influence them in the performance of their official duties. The true AHEPAN will act in civil life according to his individual judgment and the dictates of his conscience.

May it have a long and prosperous life,—full of usefulness and fraternal activity,—this *American Hellenic Education Progressive Association.*

ARTHUR A. KARKALAS, *District Governor*

JAMES B. DUCAS
Lieutenant Governor, District No. 4

MESSAGE

From JAMES B. DUCAS, *Lieutenant Governor*

In behalf of the District Lodge Officers, the Convention City of Allentown, Pa., and the Lehigh Chapter No. 60, I wish to extend to all delegates, visitors and guests, fraternal greetings and best wishes for a most enjoyable stay in our city and for a memorable convention for years to come.

The District Lodge Officers this year are very happy to present to you, with the valued assistance and cooperation of all Chapter Officers, District Deputies, District Governor of the Sons of Pericles and the District Secretary-Treasurer of the Maids of Athens, A MUCH GREATER DISTRICT No. 4 in every respect.

With one new Ahepa Chapter, one reorganized, four new Chapters of the Maids of Athens and a number of Sons of Pericles Chapters, our District has made excellent gains during the past year.

There is a great solidarity and fraternal spirit existing throughout the District and the interest in the work of the Order is definitely on the increase.

A Special Message to the Delegates

My Brothers:

You have been elected by your Chapters as delegates to this convention not merely as visitors and to enjoy good times: Your task is big, your responsibility is great and your duty is a sacred one.

You are the legislators of your District, gathered to pass various rules and regulations as you may see fit for the betterment of conditions existing within our District and to benefit our brotherhood and the Hellenic race in general.

A heavy responsibility falls upon you for the success and further gains of our District during 1940-1941.

It is up to you to find the best ways and means to create keener interest among the members and your respective communities by constantly preaching in public gathering the cause of our Order, its principles and ideals.

It is up to you immediately upon your return to your Chapters, to STRESS the importance of promptness and cooperation of your Chapter's officers with the respective District and Supreme Lodge members.

It is up to you to go back home not as mere Ahepans, but as APOSTLES OF AHEPA and preach to all our people that "Those who love their faith, school, language, Hellenic traditions and better life for their Children should love and support Ahepa, because those who love Ahepa, also love the principles of liberty, religion, education, language and pure Greek life, the things our forefathers preserved for us during the 500 years of oppression.

Let us all urge our people the importance of better understanding and concrete unity, because UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES B. DUCAS, *Lieut. -Governor*

NICHOLAS CLURAS
President Lehigh Chapter No. 60, Order of Ahepa

Delegates to the 9th Annual District Convention, Power District No. 4

Gentlemen and Friends:

A year ago my colleagues and I, then delegates to your memorable and delightful convention in Wheeling, W. Va., asked you to come to Allentown in 1940.

Then we promised you a welcome such as is deserved by a group of representative and patriotic American citizens in a community whose patriotism in every American crisis for more than 250 years is treasured as among its richest heritages.

Now that you are with us, this promise is to be translated into reality. We welcome you with open hands and warm hearts. As Allentonians we are proud that you are our friends and brethren in a great patriotic and educational association and we want you to meet new friends in this, our beautiful city,—our friends thru the years that we have been with them and have come to esteem them, as we hope they have come to know and esteem us.

First, we want you to know our friends. Second, we want you to see the city and the well-governed community of which we are so proud and of which we spoke so highly that you may have thought us to be boastful. We believe,—we feel sure—that if you will go with us thru this city; if you will have your eyes and ears open, you will say as the Queen of Sheba after her visit to the Court of King Solomon: "Behold, the half was not told me."

We want you to see our fine shops which make this city the shopping centre of half a million people; its well-built and happy homes; its beautiful public buildings; its clean streets and boulevard lighting system that is unique among the cities of the United States; its parks that spread over more than 600 acres and are accessible easily to all the people; its playgrounds where 20,000 children spend their summer months in happiness and security and its four large public bathing beaches and pools, plus many other spots for enjoyment of aquatic sports; its elaborate water plant, which is publicly owned and operated so that water costs are the lowest in America; its sanitary sewage disposal system, and if there be time left, we want you to see at least some of our major philanthropic institutions, some of thich have unique features and ideas for public service and public welfare which you may wish to carry home to your respective communities as leaven to aid and quicken them.

In all, we want you to have a good time, a profitable time in the expansion of mental horizons by contact with a community whose virtues we believe make it a superior community.

We want you to see behind and in this community the type of people who have made it as it is, with whom we have made our small contribution, and in which, with pride and satisfaction, we make our homes and expect our children and our children's children to make their homes and be happy as we are.

Sincerely,

NICK CLURAS
President, Lehigh Chapter, No. 60, Ahepa

Supreme Council - Sons of Pericles

Seated (left to right)—William G. Booras, Supreme Vice-President, Chicago, Ill.; Nicholas L. Strike, Supreme President, Salt Lake City, Utah; Harry Apostolakos, Supreme Secretary, Newark, N. J.; George Venturatos, Supreme Treasurer, New Orleans, La.

Standing (left to right)—Nicholas J. Anderson, Supreme Governor, Baltimore, Md.; Gus Chigges, Supreme Governor, Barberton, Ohio; Leo Kanell, Supreme Governor, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"By Way of Appreciation"

This yearly event, which everyone so eagerly awaits for its immeasurably pleasant experiences and priceless memories, has again brought together the friends, relatives, and members of the Order of Ahepa and its auxiliaries.

The Sons of Pericles are always eager for the opportunity to present their cooperation and help to the Senior Order in this annual event, and always as willling to report to their seniors of the progress they are making throughout the land.

The Order of Sons of Pericles teaches its members the basic principles of love of home, parents, and country. It strives to make better citizens of a Youth that boasts a heritage unequalled by any other group. With this background, and with the proper training, there is no reason why these young men, members of the Sons of Pericles, cannot be in the top ranks of public life and private endeavor in this next generation. Our program is planned for these results.

Our organization has grown over 600% in membership since 1936—today we have 214 chapters in the United States and Canada. We have a detailed national program of education and progress. We have pledged ourselves to the service and betterment of our members. And we earnestly offer membership to every young man of Hellenic descent who feels that he can offer something to the Order, and also benefit from its associations and teachings.

To both Ahepa and Sons Chapters in this district, the Order offers its sincere thanks for an undiminished and ever-growing spirit of help and cooperation that has been of immeasurable benefit to our Order.

NICHOLAS L. STRIKE, *Supreme President*
Order of Sons of Pericles.

ROYAL GREEK LEGATION
WASHINGTON

May 7th, 1940

Mr. C. P. Thomas, Secretary,
Order of Ahepa,
516 N. 19th St.,
Allentown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your courteous letter of the sixth instant, and wish to thank you very much for your cordial invitation to attend the ninth annual Convention of District No. 4 and to be your guest at the Grand Banquet and Ball on the 24th of June.

I regret exceedingly that, owing to a previous engagement, I shall be deprived of the pleasure of being present at one of the largest and best District Conventions in the Ahepa Domain.

Please accept and convey to your members my sincerest wishes for a successful meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. DIAMANTOPOULOS,
Minister of Greece

GEORGE KALFAS
General Chairman of the Convention

Acknowledgment

On the occasion of the Ninth Annual District Convention of Power District No. 4 and in behalf of the Lehigh Chapter your official host, I wish to extend a most cordial welcome to the Officers of the Order, District Lodge Members, to the delegates of the Convention, our honored Guests and Visitors, and I hope that your stay here will be memorable and pleasant.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Executive Committee, to the various Committee Chairmen, to the officers and members of Lehigh Chapter for their splendid cooperation, to auxiliaries for all their efforts, and to all those who have contributed herein and to all those who have assisted in the plans and preparations for the success of the Convention.

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TO THE DELEGATES, FELLOW AHEPANS AND VISITING FRIENDS, I consider it a privilege and high honor that I was chosen to serve in the capacity of your Convention Secretary, the trust bestowed upon me I have tried to discharge to the best of my ability, the contacts that I have made, the advice and cooperation that I have received, and the friendships that I have made during my work will remain with me as a happy reminder in the years to come.

And now a word in parting I wish to say that all our plans were made with one object in view, to give you a convention long to be remembered, please take full advantage of our hospitality and enjoy every minute of your stay with us.

Sincerely yours,

C. P. THOMAS, *Convention Secretary*

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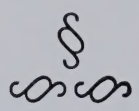

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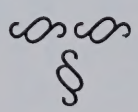

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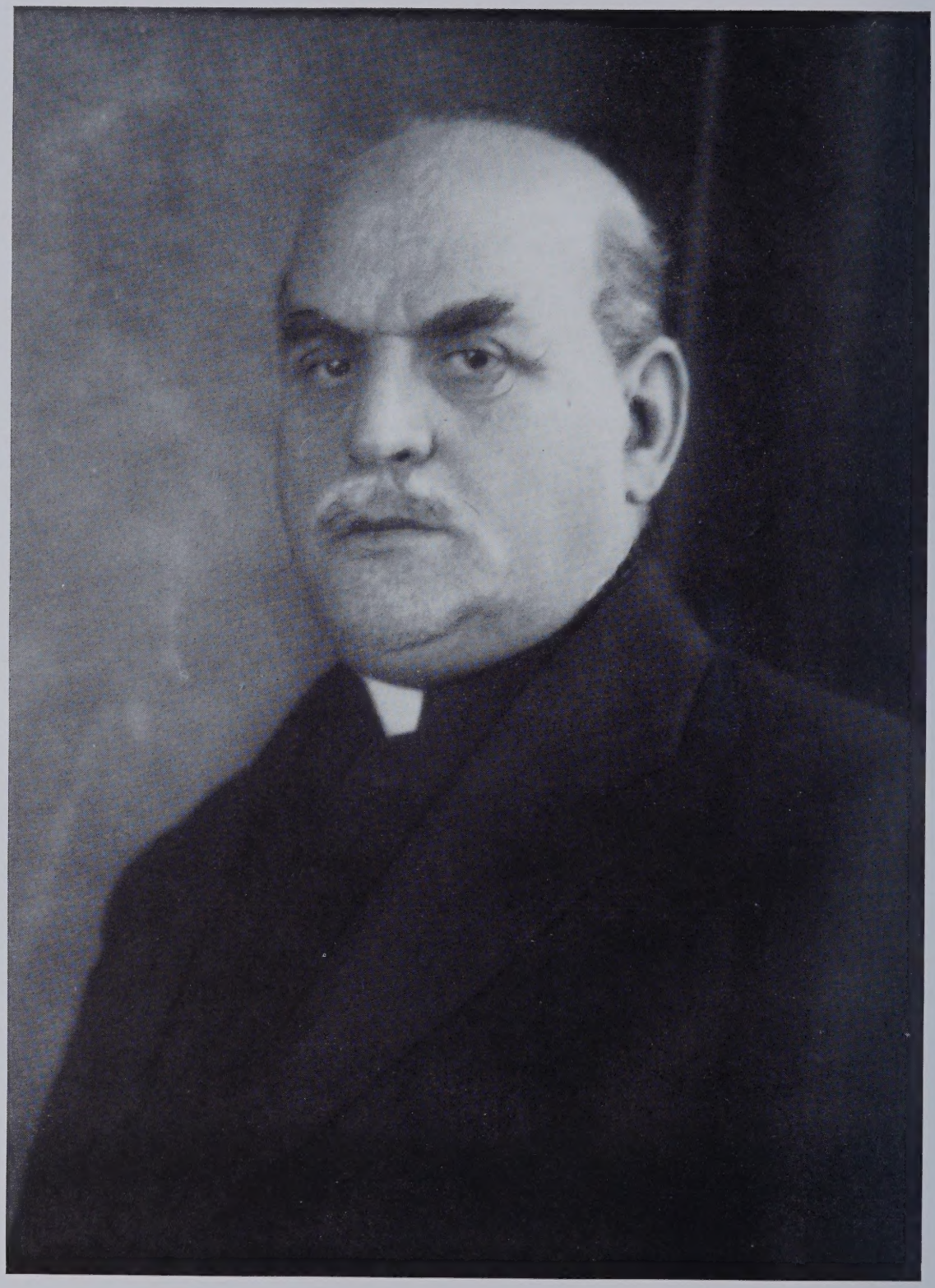

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'Αγαπητοὶ μας 'Αντιπρόσωποι τῶν τμημάτων, ἐστὲ βέβαιοι, ὅτι ἡ ἐνταῦθα τετραήμερος διαμονὴ Σας, θὰ εἶναι εὐχάριστος, διότι θὰ ἔλθετε εἰς ἐπικοινωνίαν, μὲ ἕνα φιλόξενον, φιλότιμον καὶ θαυμάσιον 'Ελληνισμὸν τοῦ ALLENTOWN καὶ BETHLEHEM, ὅστις θὰ ἐπιδαψιλεύσῃ πρὸς ἅπαντας 'Υμᾶς τοὺς φιλοξενουμένους 'Αδελφοὺς τὰς 'Αδελφικὰς περιποιήσεις μετὰ πάσης ἐγκαρδιότητος καὶ εὐπρεπείας. Καλῶς ἦλθατε 'Αδελφοὶ AHEPANS.

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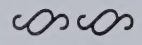

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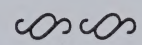

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Sunday, June 23—Arrival of Delegates and visitors registration Hotel Americus.

11:30 A. M. Ahepa Memorial Service at St. Nickolas Greek Orthodox Church, 1224 East 4th St. Bethlehem, Penna., Rev. Simeon Emanuel, officiating.

2:00 P. M. Convention Picnic and entertainment at Graff's Grove, Allentown Airport Pike.

9:30 P. M. Special Meeting and Initiation, Americus Hotel, Conducted by the Philadelphia Degree Team. Followed with a special Party at the Ahepa Club, 603 Hamilton Street 2nd floor.

Monday, June 24—Arrival and Registration of Delegates.

10:00 A. M. Sharp—Official opening of the 9th Annual District Convention, Invocation, Addresses of Welcome, Responses.

11:00 A. M. Organization of the Convention, District Governor Arthur A. Karkalas, officiating. Election of Convention Officers.

2:00 P. M. Business session, Reports of District Lodge Officers, reports of Chapters, and Appointment of Committees.

6:30 P. M. Convention Banquet, Americus Hotel Grand Ball Room, to be followed by the Grand Ball at Mealey's Auditorium.

Tuesday, June 25th.

10:00 A. M. Business session of the Convention and Reports of Committees.

2:00 P. M. Concluding session of the Convention, Selection of the Convention City for 1941, Election and Installation of District Lodge Officers.

Social Program

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Sunday, June 23.

9:30 P. M. Tea Party for Visiting Ladies.

Monday, June 24.

10:00 A. M. Sightseeing in and around Allentown and Lehigh County.
1:00 P. M. Luncheon for the ladies.
2:30 P. M. Shopping tour for visiting ladies.
7:00 P. M. Banquet and Dance.

Tuesday, June 25th.

10:00 A. M. Breakfast Hotel Americus.
1:00 P. M. Theatre Party.
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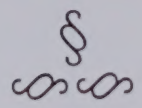

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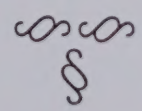

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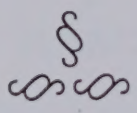

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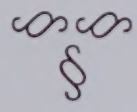

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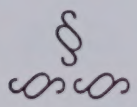

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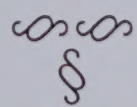

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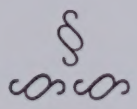

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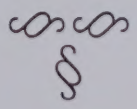

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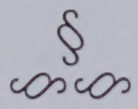

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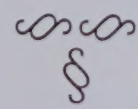

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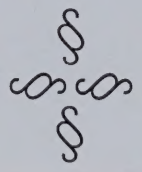

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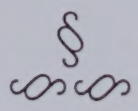

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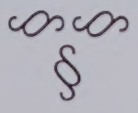

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ALLENTOWN PARK SYSTEM

ALLEN PARK

Allen Park, at Fourth and Walnut Streets, was purchased by the city in the year 1908. The grounds have been improved as well as the grading. The equipment consists of a complete outside set of gymnasium apparatus.

This park being the ancestral spot of the city, affords every beauty to the lovers of nature. In the grove will be found black ash, walnut and other trees. Judge Allen had visions covering centuries. That is why he chose, after becoming acquainted with all of the beautiful spots in the state, the confluence of Allentown's five streams as the most beautiful place to build his summer home, and later his town.

In the center of Allen Park stands an old stone mansion. The year of its building is somewhat in doubt. It is first mentioned in the diary of James Allen in 1769, who in that year named it Trout Hall. The building since has lost its identity in that of Muhlenberg College, whose building was built about it, although all the walls and foundations remained intact, merely forming part of the institution's building. Then, when Muhlenberg had outgrown its quarters, the college building was torn down and there emerged once more, in every lineament the same building, with the few necessary additions of materials, in every fact the same house that was the residence of James Allen, back before the days of the Revolution. This work was sponsored and carried out through the splendid public-spirited efforts of the Allentown Kiwanis Club.

A wall surrounds a sunken garden of genuine Colonial type, such a garden as the Allens undoubtedly had placed there originally. There are five entrances to this garden, one from the house, one from either side of the porch and two from the north side.

In the foreground of the mansion on the Walnut Street front of the Park, will be found a beautiful bird bath, a gift to the city and this park, through the Kiwanis Club, by Captain H. S. MacLaine, in honor of his wife. The bath is a work of art from the capable hands of George W. Brewater, sculptor.

Allen Park is the home of the Lehigh County Historical Society and Trout Hall is filled with records, relics and memories of the past. To the visitor it is a spot to visit and under the shade of the beautiful trees of the grove many find real rest and recreation.

WEST PARK

The park system of the City of Allentown was inaugurated during the year 1906, under the administration of Mayor Alfred J. Yost. The first park now known as West Park is located in the western part of the city between Fifteenth and West Streets, east and west, and Linden to Turner north and south. The property was originally purchased by the Water Department for a reservoir site, a project which was afterwards abandoned and the land turned over to the city for a park site. The city, by purchase, added to the property up to the present lines of West Park.

In 1906, the development was begun under the first Park Commission, consisting of Mayor Alfred J. Yost, City Engineer Charles D. Weirbach and the City Treasurer Alfred L. Reichenbach. The engineering work was done under the direction of Mr. Wierbach, and the planting and landscape work by the firm of Thomas Meehan & Sons, Landscape Architects, of Philadelphia.

This park on account of its beautiful appearance is the most popular spot in the city. The magnificent bandstand and hundreds of seats affording a large seating capacity, give opportunity for numerous band concerts during the summer, attracting thousands of people. The well-kept shrubbery and trees appeal to the sense of beauty and give restful shade in the summer. Late in the fall, thousands of tulip and hyacinth bulbs are planted that brighten the park up with a blaze of color in the Spring. The Summer planting which follows the bulbs continues in their glory until cut by the frost of early fall.

A fountain graces the center of the park and small drinking stands with bubble cups are placed in convenient locations. Two large comfort stations, artistic in design, are to be found in the grounds.

At the eastern end of the park, standing in the midst of beautiful oak, elm and maple trees, the First Defender's monument can be seen. This beautiful work of art was the gift of General Harry C. Trexler to the city. Handsome electric light standards are placed around and in the many paths of this popular park and are kept burning every night in the year.

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Allentown Park System

RIVER FRONT PARK

The Auger-Simon tract along the Lehigh River was purchased and graded in the year 1912 by the city for a park and playground. This fine park contains about five acres and promises to be developed into a most attractive resort. The approach to the park at Front and Gordon Streets, a triangular piece of ground, was exchanged to the city for the purpose of securing definite lines and proper approaches to the property. This plot of land has been laid out in design and affords a beautiful aspect to the surroundings.

In the year of 1926, the Lions Club, a civic body of men, sponsored a well-worthy improvement by adding a concrete retaining wall together with a platform, with easy approach to the water's edge, thus affording excellent facilities for bathing and swimming.

A large open pavilion affords shelter and accommodates a bath house below. A number of band concerts were given in this pavilion last year to the delight of the large population in that part of the city. Seating facilities were lacking however, but are amply provided for this year.

During this year there has been erected in the park a memorial to Samuel McHose, the first Mayor of Allentown. The memorial was presented to the park through the City by Lucius and Hiram McHose, sons of Allentown's first mayor. The memorial is in the form of a fountain surmounted by a bust of the city's first mayor. It is situated in the center of the beautiful lawn that marks the entrance to River Front Park at Front and Gordon Streets and is the converging point of walks that lead from the corners of this plot. It is a simple but impressive memorial to one whose memory will always be honored in this city as much for his personal worth as for his sterling qualities as an executive.

Older residents of Allentown remember the park as a pretty meadow covered with velvety grass and shaded by beautiful trees, and have watched its metamorphosis to the present stage. More than a half century ago, the meadow as it was then known was almost as popular with Allentown youngsters as it is today. Extending out in the river, not far from where the proposed beach will be located was a strip of sand termed the sand bar and this was the bathing beach of that time. Past this beach floated the canal boats to their docks located a little north of the present power house site, and on this strip of sand many men, now prominent in civic and business life, learned to swim and spent many happy hours.

The water here was ideal for bathing, being clear and extending from extremely shallow spots to places where it reached a depth of twenty feet. In the rear of the present park site was an inlet in which canal boats docked and unloaded their wares, and also in which logs floated down the river from the wooded hills of Northern Pennsylvania, awaiting conveyance to a nearby sawmill. This sawmill was also the means of furnishing sport to the youngsters of the age during the entire year. Riding the logs was always a popular amusement and many a ducking in the chilly water was recived after a slip of the foot.

Tan bark from the saw mill was stretched on many spots in the meadow and here wrestling and boxing matches as well as acrobatic exhibitions amused the youths of the day. This was the age of iron and Robert Furnace, located at the present site of the Aldrich Pump Company needed a place to dump the cinders from their huge furnaces. The meadow was a most convenient spot and the accumulated cinders during the following years piled high along the river. With the abandonment of activities at the furnace the ground remained idle for many years and then when the park problems of the city were taken up, the natural beauty of the spot and its desirable location were realized.

With the Lehigh River for a background, broken by two islands, upon which cottage after cottage stands in orderly array, attests the popularity River Front Park holds as an ideal site for a civic playground. Improvement plans are only in their infancy. The future will in all probability find that the city will lay out a river drive, extending along the Lehigh River up to Fullerton and with the beautifying of the banks this portion of Allentown will be one of the show places of our progressive city.

The greater portion of Allentown's park development during the summer and fall will center on River Front Park. This area has been more a less the "underprivileged" member of Allentown's park family, but an extensive program of improvements is already under way there.

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Allentown Park System

Two major changes now being made at River Front are the renovation of the present bath house and the construction of a drainage system in the park.

Recently workmen have graded and sodded terraces leading to the river edge and the city plans, within financial limits, to improve the appearance of the river bank for quite a distance on either side of the River Front pavilion. This would include the construction of concrete piers along the edge of the river.

Nothing improves the appearance of a park, or makes it a more inviting spot than an abundance of shade trees. At River Front Park, as well as in other parks, the planting of shade trees is considered of extreme importance.

Upon completion of immediate improvements River Front Park will be capable of handling a crowd of about 22,000 persons.

In the suggested tour of the city's parks River Front is the second to be visited. Upon entering the park the visitor sees a statue of Allentown's first mayor, Samuel McHose. After a brief inspection the tour can continue south on Front St. to Union St. At this intersection the attention of the party might be called to the first school house in Allentown. Efforts are being made by local organizations to restore it to its former appearance.

FOUNTAIN PARK

Years ago Fountain Park was the site of the Fountain House, a health resort known throughout Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. Thousands of persons visited it and the reputation of its spring waters was as famous then as are some of the springs and spas in other sections of the country today.

Today the city is still making available the health benefits of the Fountain Park area. Tens of thousands of grownups and children annually swim and play in the pool and large recreational areas provided. There are several baseball diamonds, a football field, soccer fields, basketball courts and the usual playground equipment. The Fountain Park swimming pool is open during July and August and provides refreshing swims for residents of the heavily populated areas in the vicinity of the park.

In a tour of the park systems, visitors might be shown, also the 10th Street steps adjoining the park, the Allentown pumping station, filter plant and city laboratories adjoining the park and the newly constructed masonry flood wall.

Proposed improvements in the Fountain Park area include the development and landscaping of the 10th and Lawrence Streets intersection and the Lawrence and Junction Streets intersection; the development of "Hillside Park," a plot of ground directly opposite the pumping station and city laboratory. Here, as at other parks, a definite program of tree planting has been followed. Hundreds of arbor vitae have been planted along the flood wall and the bank of the Little Lehigh. Other trees will be planted along South 10th Street and Lawrence Street. The city also plans to place sidewalks and gutters along streets in the park wherever these do not exist at present.

JORDAN PARK

In a spot easily accessible to nearly one-third of the city's entire population lies Jordan Park. Including developed and undeveloped areas, the park lies on both sides of the Jordan river from the 7th Street bridge east and south for a distance of more than one mile.

More than $500,000 has been spent by the federal government to develop the park and additional WPA projects are to be submitted soon.

Since it is not located directly on any heavy traffic route the changes that have been gradually taking place at the park have not been apparent to those who do not regularly visit it. Now that the workmen are moving closer to the 7th Street pike in their efforts to create a parking area capable of providing for thousands of automobiles more interest is being shown in and more questions being asked about Jordan Park.

A decade ago Jordan Park was nothing more than a large marsh and meadow. The changes that have taken place since are almost unbelievable.

A bath house capable of accommodating several thousand persons, has been erected. A stone dam, creating a large artificial pool, has been built. A beach, covered with sand, runs along the west side of the stream and farther in from the banks are stretches of grassy lawn.

WPA workmen are now engaged in grading a large parking area. Other portionl

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CITY ROSE GARDEN

of the ground are being developed for footbals and soccer fields. tennis and handball courts and playgrounds.

On the bank of the stream opposite the bath house the city plans to take advantage of the many shade trees by providing picnic areas for hundreds of persons.

Main entrances to the park are now in the process of construction. An entrace from 6th Street takes the park visitor through a landscape flower garden. The entrance from 7th Street when completed will be made down two short flights of broad steps, lined on either side by an avenue of trees.

One of the most encouraging things about the Jordan Park development has been the successful growth of the trees which have been planted. No trees grew on the south bank of the Jordan river before the city began its program. Hundreds of small saplings have since been planted and in years to come will provide cool shade for the thousands of bathers.

CITY ROSE GARDEN

Of all the city's parks none has the color and the fascination of the city's Rose Garden, focal point of the entire Cedar Creek Valley park scheme.

The Rose Garden was dedicated in June, 1931. Since that time an estimated million persons from practically every state of the union have visited it.

Constant improvements have been made and will continue to be made in the type of flower which blooms at the garden. New varieties are being added each succeeding year to keep the garden "up-to-date" from a horticultural standpoint.

The past few years have also seen the transformation of a barn which stood on the Rose Garden property into the Allentown Art Museum.

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bloom is bounded by a lagoon through which runs Cedar Creek. Entrance to the Rose Garden is made down a flight of broad stone steps. The garden has been designed by C. Chester Yost.

On the opposite side of the stream the city maintains a picnic grove. Carefully kept lawns surround the park itself.

LITTLE LEHIGH PARKWAY

On either side of the Little Lehigh river, in one of the finest valleys in Eastern Pennsylvania, lies 360 acres of city park property, the Little Lehigh Parkway.

Any improvements over in as large a park area as this must necessarily be part of a long-range program. The early stages in this program have been accomplished and are now visible. These include the entrance to the park with the stone bridge, artificial islands and tree-covered slopes, the construction of the roadways and the retaining wall in the interior of the parkway.

The development of more roads within the parkway and linking the parkway to highways and streets, the opening of vistas that make the valley visible from some of the top boundary roads and planting of trees and a general clean-up of unsightly scrub patches are some of the immediate objectives of the parkway improvement plan.

The city is keeping in mind, however, that much of the charm of the parkway section lies in its natural beauty, its stretches of green meadowland and wooded slopes. Every effort will be made to preserve these natural portions of the park in the state in which they now exist.

Although to all outward appearances Little Lehigh Parkway is mainly a park area it serves a more practical purpose as Allentown's future water source.

The city now controls all the land on either side of the river from the pumping station to the Trexler Fish Hatchery and within a decade the city will probably be taking most of its water from this river and passing it through the filter plant.

In a tour of the city's park system, the most effective method of seeing Little Lehigh park at present, seems to be the lower route, which takes the party visitors into the interior of the parkway, cut across the State route at Bogert's bridge and then continues on a dirt road to the fish hatchery.

CEDAR CREEK PARKWAY

Roughly the Cedar Creek Parkway territory may be said to lie on either side of W. Linden Street, known also as Parkway Boulevard from the vicinity of 20th Street west to Cetronia. It includes the Rose Garden and Cedar Beach.

Visible evidences of development may be seen in a drive along the boulevard. Park department employees have been active in

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keeping the grass cut and trimmed, arranging rock gardens, clearing out weeds and shrubbery and removing unsightly spots in whatever manner possible.

Sidewalk and gutters will eventually be constructed on the boulevard affording persons the opportunity of walking safely to the Rose Garden and Cedar Beach.

And, in the more distant future, the city also plans suitable illumination for this picturesque stretch of road.

OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE

Union Terrace, located on W. Union St., along Cedar Creek, is a unit of Allentown's park chain that performs a unique service to the community in that it offers a wide variety of recreational entertainment.

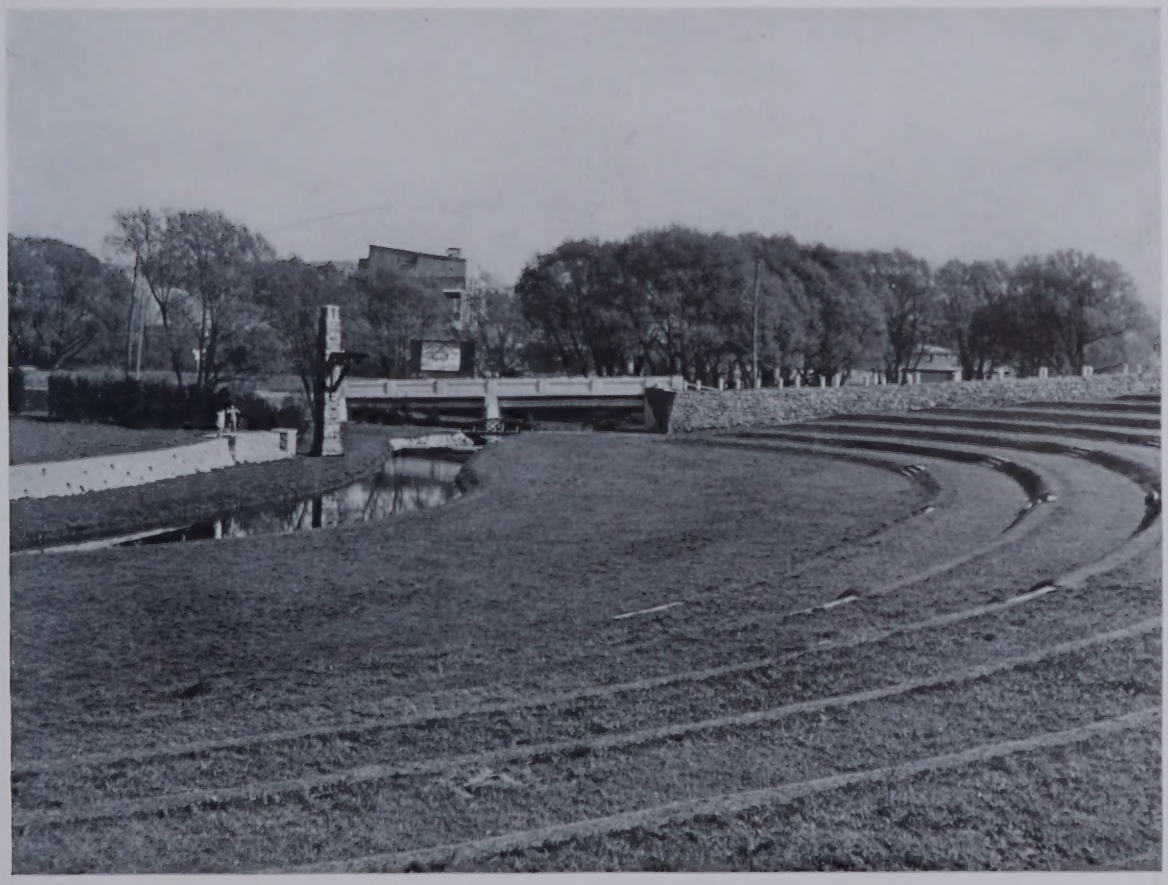
Though one of the smallest parks in the Allentown system, Union Terrace contains an outdoor amphitheatre capable of seating 2,000 persons, a large pond, used for ice skating in winter and children's fishing in summer, a picnic area beneath a grove of trees and facilities for a children's play area.

The amphitheatre, recently equipped with stone and wooden seats, lies in a natural semi circular bowl. It is an ideal location for the presentation of events in the late afternoon and evening because the sun itself becomes the illumination, shining from the west against the backs of the audience and onto the elevated, grass stage.

The city recreation bureau is endeavoring to arouse interest in presentations of an artistic type at the amphitheatre, comparable to the Robin Hood Dell concerts in Philadelphia.

A lagoon, through which flows Cedar Creek, separates the stage from the audience. A row of strees and shrubs form a background for the stage, which is flanked by two stone pillar lights.

The Union Terrace pond is used for ice skating in the winter time and in the summer, through the cooperation of the Lehigh County Fish and Game Association, is thrown open to children who may fish there on certain days.



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Allentown Park System

TREXLER MEMORIAL PARK

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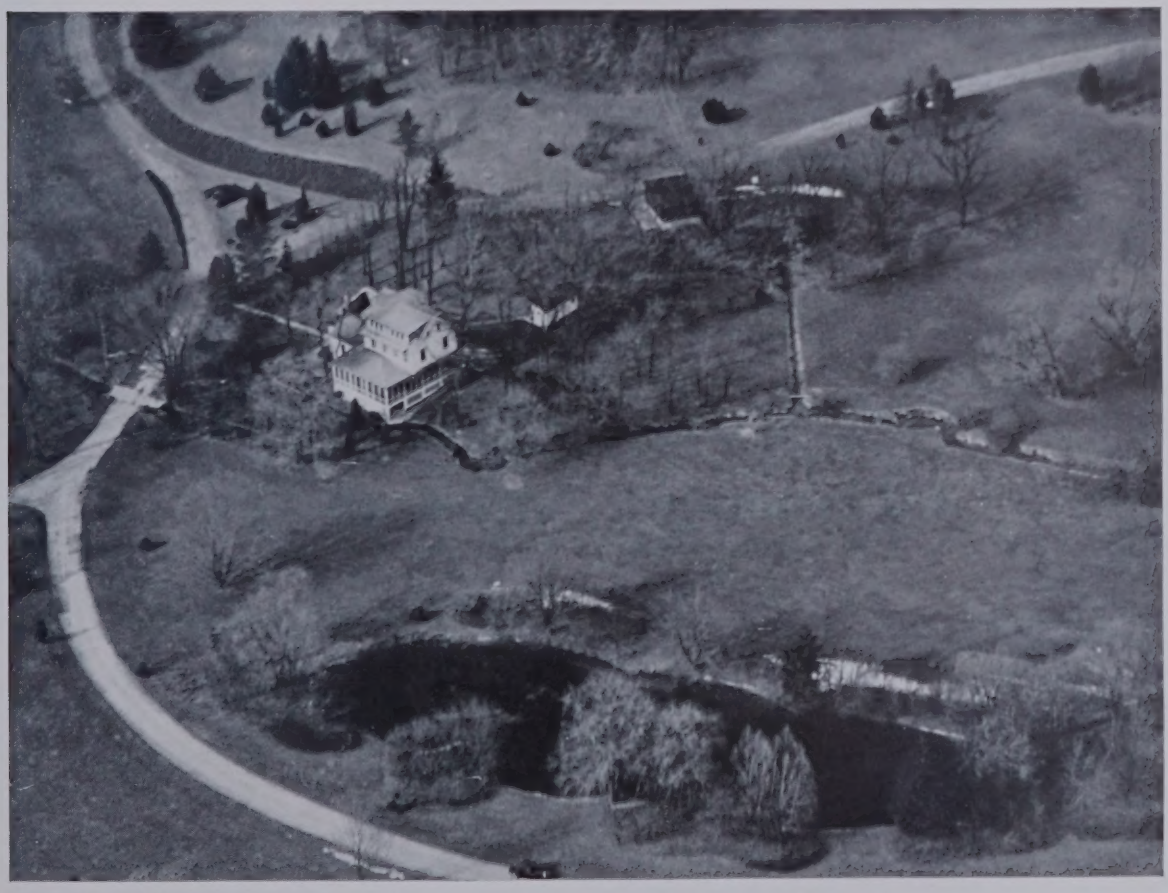
Bequeathed to the city by the late Gen. Harry C. Trexler, the park, known also as Springwood Park, was taken over by the city early in 1935. The Trexler estate also provided the city with an annual sum for the maintenance of this park as well as for the maintenance and the development of the general park system. In accordance with the wishes of Gen. Trexler the city has continued to bestow every possible care and attention upon the beautiful park site so that it may always serve as a reminder of its generous donor.

As to the future development of Trexler Park little can be said now. There have been plans discussed for the development of a public picnic area in a wooded section to the north of the park property. There has also been discussion of a proposed municipal golf course on a tract adjoining the park. Nothing has been definitely decided on either of these matters as yet.

At some distant date the city hopes to acquire most of the land in the valley of the Cedar Creek, extending from the vicinity of 19th and Hamilton Streets west to Route 22 and Trexler Memorial Park. Under such a plan the city would then control most of the desirable property that borders on the smaller streams in this vicinity. Allentown already owns 360 acres along the Little Lehigh River and property along the Jordan River.

In visiting Trexler Memorial Park the tourist will also be interested in the "Spring House," once the resident of the descendant of William Penn, and lately the summer home of Gen. Trexler, until his death.



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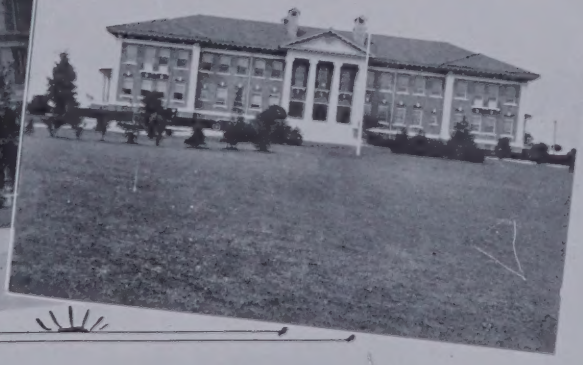

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In the one hundred and seventy years of its existence, Allentown has grown from a mere cross roads village to a great industrial and commercial metropolis, a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants, covering an area of seventeen square miles.

Allentown is a city beautiful in many respects. Its people are fundamentally of good spirits and cheer, and hospitable to the highest degree. They enjoy a clean, good and progressive government. It is a city where home-owning is proverbial and thrift is encouraged as one of the highest public and private virtues.

Imagine yourself now on a sightseeing bus, that takes you to all points of interest in the city; making a thorough trip to every nook and corner in Allentown. In this way we shall be able to touch all things that are interesting, and see the facilities that Allentown is equipped with, to the last lamp standard, to make it a thriving community.

So start our trip. We shall begin right in the heart of Allentown, at Centre Square. At this point we can see up and down Hamiltom Street, all the large department stores. Because of its wide trading area, which stretches out more than thirty miles from the center of the city, the Allentown Retail district is one of the finest in America, and the envy of many larger cities. The gross annual business of the retail establishments approaches the fifty million dollar mark. The stores are modern, attractive, spacious, and well equipped; they offer patrons a wide variety of merchandise from both domestic and foreign markets. Before long, practically all the stores will have had their faces lifted. When one is finished another is beginning. Upwards of three hundred thousand people in Eastern Pennsylvania are served by these stores, making the phrase, "The Shopping Center of the Lehigh Valley," a true statement. Salespeople are noted for their ability, personality, and courtesy.

From the distributors point of view, Allentown is the hub of the richest market in the state. A study of the map of the eastern United States, will show this city as the center of a great market the radius of which is two hundred miles, and within this boundary there live approximately twenty-five million people, one fifth of the population of the United States.

The one thing that we can not miss, on Hamilton Street, is the light standards. Allentown is famed for its distinctive flowered bedecked light standards in the summer time, while in the winter time, the lamp posts have evergreen and fir branches in them. During the Christmas season, the business section of Allentown puts on a gay air when the light standards get a head dress of bright colored Christmas bulbs. During the Christmas and Easter season too, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Building shows appropriate wreaths, crosses and trees by means of lights in various windows, which can be seen for miles around. Another important feature of Hamilton Street is the fact that all overhead wires and unsightly poles have been removed, to make for a more beautiful appearance.

Allentown is not merely a great center of production; it is a home city as well. It is not only a busy city, but a clean city. It is a community where health, comfort, and beauty play a large part in the general scheme of things. The houses in the western end of the city are homes that anybody would be proud to own. The lawns and landscapes are also very beautiful and well cared for. The layout of the Allentown residential districts, the clean air free from dust and smoke, the excellent highways, trees, parks and playgrounds, all combine to make it most attractive and appealing. Allentown is proud of its reputation as the "Clean City." The cleanliness of its streets, and the spic and span conditions of its homes, are typical of the progressiveness of its people.

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As for climate, the city could not have any better. The average temperature in the autumn is fifty-two degrees, the winter, twenty-nine degrees, the spring, forty-eight degrees, and the summer seventy-one degrees. The altitude of the city is 417.22 feet, while the precipitation is fifty inches annually.

Allentown's educational, religious and cultural facilities are unsurpassed in cities of equal size. The educational facilities serve seventeen thousand pupils in the public schools, of which there are thirty-one, and four thousand five hundred in parochial schools, of which there are five. The high school and junior high schools are adequately equipped to take care of all the pupils, whether they be vocational students or college preparatory students. There are also two fine colleges, Muhlenberg College for young men, and Cedar Crest College for young ladies. These colleges are situated in the western part of the city and have beautiful campuses.

Allentown's hospitals are modernly equipped, and adequately serve the community. Of the four hospitals, the most notable are the Allentown Hospital and the Sacred Heart Hospital.

Many of the city's churches are very beautiful structures, and very modern, having equipment for church social affairs, and gyms for basketball and other indoor sports. There are ninety-two churches located throughout the city, and they have a membership of more than fifty-five thousand. On Hamilton Street we can see the Zion Reformed Church, which is the most well known church in this vicinity, because it was here that they hid the Liberty Bell during part of the Revolutionary War.

Other points of interest socially and culturally, is the Allentown Art Museum, where there is a collection of paintings and sculpture; the Allentown Free Public Library which contains eighty-five thousand volumes, and a wealth of statistical information. Our own radio stations, WCBA and WSAN, which operate at one thousand four hundred and forty kilocycles and two hundred and eight and one tenth meters, are connected with many of the National Broadcasting Company's programs. Then there is the National Guard Armory at Fifteenth and Allen Streets, headquarters of the 213th Coast Artillery regiment; the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.; Jewish Community Center; Municipal Rose Garden one of the finest developments of its kind in the country, and Trout Hall, the original home of William Allen, the founder of the city.

All the transportation facilities in Allentown are up to date and have the best equipment.

We are served by four railroads, which through excellent arrangements, make it possible to reach any point in the country over more than two hundred fast freight routes. The railroads that serve us so generously are the Lehigh Valley Railroad, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Reading Company, and the Lehigh and New England Railroad.

The local community is well taken care of by the Lehigh Valley Transit and Transportation Companies. New and modern trollies have been installed for the local trolley line, and also fast special trollies which ply between Allentown and Philadelphia's Sixty-ninth Street station, and those that do the inter-city service in Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton.

The highway system is up to date, practically all the roads are three or four lane highways, stretching out in every direction from Allentown. The buses that take are of the transportation problems in the suburbs of Allentown are also brand new, safe and have their motors in the rear. The bus terminal, on South Sixth Street, has all the leading country's bus lines stopping here to take on passengers for distant places.

Allentown also has its air terminal, one of the most up to date in United States. United Air lines offer the transcontinental service, while the Lehigh Aircraft Company offers the local air service. The landing field covers about two hundred and fifty acres. All the equipment is modern, including a modern

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It is difficult to speak of industry in Allentown without taking in adjacent territory, for Allentown's industrial area spreads far into many neighboring communities. This area is second only to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in industrial production, wages paid, and in value of products manufactured. Allentown is noted for the manufacture of Portland cement, automobile trucks and buses, silk and rayon cloths, machinery, furniture, metal novelties, tools, clothing, cigars and the Allentown area is one of America's great centers of steel production. Few manufacturing centers in the country can boast of such a diversity of products.

There are approximately two hundred and sixty separate manufacturing units in the city, and approximately four hundred in Lehigh County. Capital invested in Allentown industry reaches almost sixty million dollars, the value of products about sixty-five million dollars, the number of industrial workers about twenty-four thousand six hundred, and an annual payroll of approximately twenty-million dollars. Cement manufactured in the Allentown district goes into highway and building construction throughout the nation and in foreign lands.

Allentown's strategic position, close to the marketing centers of New York, Philadelphia and other eastern cities, makes it an ideal location for almost every type of manufacture and fabrication.

Electric power for Allentown's undustries is furnished by the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, a system fed by five large steam plants and one large water power plant, as well as through inter-connections with other companies.

All local gas, whether for commercial, industrial, domestic or heating purposes, is supplied by the Allentown-Bethlehem Gas Company, whose equipment includes one of the largest gas tanks in Pennsylvania, with a capacity of six million cubic feet.

Because Allentown's industry is so greatly diversified, Allentown at all times has a labor supply which is efficient and adapted to most types of manufacture. It is the home owning type, industrious, thrifty and more than eighty-eight per cent American born. Allentown's workers live, think, act and work according to American ideals.

Other industries which can not be missed are the Bonney Forge and Tool Works, which makes wrenches and tools; the L. F. Grammes and Sons, who make metal specialties; Neuweiler's Brewery, one of the East's most modern; and the largest and most important local industry is the world famous Mack Plant, makers of trucks and buses, which are used in every part of the globe.

After this strenuous tour of the city of Allentown, the sightseeing bus will have to take you to our recreational spots so you will be able to rest and play.

There are three beautiful spots located in and near Allentown that will interest all. First, there is the Little Lehigh Parkway, a naturally beautiful park following along the winding Little Lehigh, southeast of the city it is one of the real beauty spots of eastern Pennsylvania. Second, there is Trexler Memorial Park, which is situated at the western end of the city on Route 22. This land was bequeathed to the City of Allentown by the late Harry C. Trexler. Third on the list, is the Trexler-Lehigh County Game Preserve, nine miles north of the city. This also was presented to Lehigh County by the late Harry C. Trexler. Here on this large game preserve there are large herds of buffalo, elk and deer, something that affords an interesting side trip for tourists, because there is nothing like it east of the Rocky Mountains.

Allentonians are particularly proud of their recreational system, which includes parks and playgrounds in all sections of the city. Allentown boasts of seventeen conveniently located playgrounds, some with bathing facilities, and all supervised by trained instructors. There are seven large parks with beautiful driveways, lakes, and beautiful shrubbery.

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In addition there are two very conveniently located amusement parks, easily accessible through adequate transportation facilities. One is Dorney Park, located three miles west of the city, where there is swimming, boating and amusements of all kinds. Then there is Central Park, situated midway between Allentown and Bethlehem.

But one of Allentown's chief attractions comes only once a year, the third full week in September, when the Lehigh County Agricultural Society sponsors the Great Allentown Fair, popularly known as "America's Greatest County Fair." The fair grounds is located in the western end of the city, and covers fifty two acres. Every year the fair gets bigger and better. It has afine one half mile dirt track, one of the best in the East. In the different permanent buildings on the fair grounds, there are places to show the farmer's cattle, sheep, horses, swine, and all the different kinds of fowl. The other buildings are used as show rooms for the different local concerns, to advertise their business. One of the country's largest and best fun shows supplies the amusement along the Midway.

Allentown is also fast becoming a baseball lover's community. Although Allentown did have a baseball team years ago, we now have a still better one than before. In 1939, the first year of the Inter-State League's existence, our Allentown Fleetwings won the championship. This year the team has many new players. The baseball field has been put in excellent shape and is equipped with lights for night games. Local support for the team this year will be even greater.

We agree, even we Allentonians, when we stop to look at our home town, that Allentown is indeed a great place in which to live.

POINTS OF INTEREST

In and about Allentown

Trexler-Lehigh County Game Preserve

Nine miles north of City. Contains large herds of buffalo, elk and deer. Affords an interesting side trip for tourists.

Trexler Memorial Park

Situated at western end of City on Route 22. One of the most beautiful park developments in the east.

Zion Reformed Church

Hamilton Street, between Sixth and Seventh. Home of the Liberty Bell during part of the Revolutionary War.

Trout Hall

Fourth and Walnut Streets. Original home of William Allen, founder of City, now home of Lehigh County Historical Society.

Great Allentown Fair

Fair grounds in western section of City cover 52 acres. One of the largest and most colorful fairs in America.

Allentown Art Museum

Linden Street, adjoining Municipal Rose Garden. Here is housed City's collection of paintings and sculpture.

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Little Lehigh Parkway

Naturally beautiful park following along the winding Little Lehigh, southwest of City. One of the real beauty spots of eastern Pennsylvania. Bridle path and other facilities.

Dorney Park

Three miles west of City. Swimming, boating and amusements of all kinds.

Central Park

Situated midway between Allentown and Bethlehem. An attractive spot for pleasure and recreation.

Cedar Pool

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